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Lebanon

Military Situation — The Lebanese Army repulsed further attacks on its positions in Suq al-Gharb, using artillery and air strikes to destroy enemy vehicles, the Army Command announced in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio on 21 September. U.S. warships subsequently bombarded and silenced hostile artillery emplacements after areas in East Beirut were subjected to renewed shelling. Hundreds of rockets fell on the Al-Yarzi-B'abda area, the radio reported, and further north, Jubayl also came under artillery fire. Meanwhile, U.S. warplanes on low-level reconnaissance flights released balloons to avoid SAM's that were fired at them, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. The radio reported earlier that the Syrians have installed SAM batteries in the Ash-Shuf area.

In a separate development, the British Government announced that it has permitted the stationing of six Italian aircraft at a British base in Cyprus to provide defensive cover for the Italian contingent of the multinational force, Nicosia radio reported.

Army on Enlistment, Curfew — An Army Command statement broadcast by Beirut radio called for volunteers to enlist in the Army. Applicants must be between 18 and 45 years old and should have been Lebanese citizens for over 15 years. Another Army Command statement broadcast by the radio increased curfew restrictions in the area between Ash-Shuwayfat and southern Beirut.

Political Developments — An envoy of Saudi mediator Prince Bandar ibn Sultan is in Damascus to meet with Syrian leaders and Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt and to convey Lebanon's reply to the latest cease-fire proposals, Radio Monte Carlo reported. Earlier, sources in Damascus close to the PSP stated that Junblatt had proposed that the dialogue between Lebanese Government and opposition delegations take place without either side imposing preconditions concerning the identities of the participants, according to the radio. In a statement broadcast by Damascus radio, the PSP-backed National Salvation Front (NSF) accused the Lebanese Government of rejecting the latest proposals submitted by Prince Bandar in order to expand the conflict and increase U.S. involvement. The NSF has approved Prince Bandar's latest three-point working paper, the statement noted, and is ready to cease fire and begin a comprehensive national dialogue.

In another development, a Saudi Information Ministry source denied "all reports, comments, and conclusions" about the results of Prince Bandar's mediation carried recently by Radio Monte Carlo and "some Arab and foreign news agencies," SPA reported. Saudi Arabia will state its position on the negotiations through official channels, the spokesman added. A Riyadh radio commentary deplored the "hard line" of both sides in the conflict and called on the protagonists to "rise above their differences" and engage in dialogue.

President Amin al-Jumayyil inspected Army units in Suq al-Gharb, Beirut radio noted. The radio also broadcast a statement by Lebanon's leading Muslim clergymen which criticized "sectarian and factional practices" aimed at Muslims and likewise deplored "party hegemony over the state." The statement called for an end to the armed militias of all sides as well as "illegitimate information media and illegal money collectors." Regarding the current "serious situation" in the Ash-Shuf, the leading Sunni, Shi'ite, and Druze clergymen promised to continue efforts to achieve "the cherished results" in cooperation with all sides. In another development, the Shi'ite Amal Movement declared that Amal will never allow "armed Palestinians" to return to Beirut, *Le Monde* reported.

Israeli View — Israel is not involved in Lebanon, is not intervening in the sectarian war there, and will not do so in the future, Prime Minister-designate Yitzhaq Shamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio.

Syrian Contacts With Libya, PDRY — Chief of Staff General Hikmat ash-Shihabi delivered an "urgent message" on the current "grave situation resulting from U.S. aggression" to Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi in Tripoli, JANA announced. Meanwhile, President Hafiz al-Asad reviewed the Lebanese situation during talks with visiting PDRY Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, Damascus television reported.

Soviet Moves — Three Soviet submarines are "roaming the eastern Mediterranean," the Kuwaiti paper *Al-Qabas* reported on 20 September. Diplomatic sources disclosed that the Soviet Union has ordered a "first-stage" alert of its forces in the southern USSR and placed its military personnel in Syria on full alert, *Al-Qabas* added. The paper also cited reports that senior Soviet officers are supervising the military situation in Lebanon in conjunction with the Syrian command from a joint operations room in Damascus. Another Kuwaiti paper, *Al-Anba'*, said the Soviet Union has informed Israel that if the latter attacks Syria the USSR plans to send 52,000 Soviet troops "within 12 hours" to take part in the fighting and "teach Israel a lesson it will not forget."

PLO Affairs

During a meeting with the PLO representative in Tunis, the Soviet ambassador to Tunisia expressed the USSR's support and respect for the Palestinian people and leadership headed by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported.

Israel

Prime Minister-designate Shamir officially invited the Alignment to join the Likud in a national unity government under his leadership, Jerusalem radio reported. In earlier remarks broadcast by the radio, Labor Party Chairman Shi'mon Peres expressed doubt over the viability of such a government and called the guidelines set down by the Likud coalition factions "unacceptable." Nevertheless, Peres stated, he would take any invitation to join such a government to the party forums for discussion.

In the West Bank, Village Leagues head Dawud Sawalihah narrowly escaped an attempt on his life 20 September in Ramallah, according to Amman radio.

Egypt

In an interview with the Israeli paper *Yoman Hashavu'a*, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali urged Israel to pull out of Lebanon and prove its sincerity in the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, thereby paving the way for peace in the region and for normalizing Egyptian-Israeli relations.

Inter-Arab Affairs

Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi has sent a verbal message to Maghreb leaders denouncing U.S. actions in Lebanon and urging united Arab action to confront them, according to JANA.

Libya-Chad

Chadian Transitional National Union Government (GUNT) President Goukouni Oueddei removed all conditions for direct peace negotiations with President Hissein Habre and suggested that any negotiations be held within the OAU framework, according to remarks at a Tripoli news conference reported by AFP. Goukouni announced his willingness to drop his precondition that French troops withdraw before negotiations start, AFP stated. At the news conference, the agency reported, the Chadian opposition leader also accused Habre's forces of massacring GUNT troops, including possibly GUNT Foreign Minister Mahamat Nour, in Oum Chalouba in earlier fighting.

Meanwhile, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson denied that France is negotiating with Libya on Chad's future, according to AFP.

In southern Chad "national liberation army commandos" are gaining the edge over government troops, the clandestine Radio Bardai claimed.

Iran

Iranian workers — with no aid from foreign experts — have capped a Nowruz oil well which had spilled oil into the Gulf for months following Iraqi bombing attacks, President 'Ali Khamene'i announced at a meeting with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni which was attended by the petroleum minister, oil experts, and workers, Tehran radio reported.

Afghanistan

Rebel forces fought eight major battles with Soviet-DRA Government troops in and around Kabul during the first week in September and also control almost all of Paktia Province, according to Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad and AFGHAN PRESS AGENCY reports cited by SPA.

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Keshtmand Returns From USSR 21 September
LD211455 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Kabul, 21 Sep (BAKHTAR) — Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, returned to Kabul this morning from the Soviet Union. The chairman of the Council of Ministers at the beginning of the current month had gone to the Soviet Union for a series of medical checks. He was welcomed at Kabul International Airport by members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, members of the PDPA Central Committee and the DRA Council of Ministers, and the Soviet ambassador in Kabul.

Dost Leaves for Cuba, General Assembly Session
LD212319 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, the DRA minister of foreign affairs, heads a delegation which left for Havana today at the invitation of the republican Government of Cuba. The delegation is paying an official and friendly visit to that country.

The foreign minister was seen off at Kabul International Airport by Mohammad Khan Jalalar, the minister of commerce; Sarwar Yoresh, deputy minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Soviet ambassador in Kabul; the charge d' affaires of the Republic of Cuba in Kabul; and the head of the UN development program department in Kabul.

Later, Shah Mohammad Dost will take part in the 38th session of the UN General Assembly.

SPA Reports on Recent Attacks on Soviets
LD202122 Riyadh SPA in English 1916 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 20, SPA — Two MIGs and three helicopters were destroyed by Mujahideen armed with rockets and mortars when they attacked the airport at Mazar-e Sharif in Afghanistan's northern Balkn Province, Western diplomatic sources said here today. The sources said nearly 150 Mujahideen attacked the airport on September 24 [as received] and succeeded in destroying 20 Soviet trucks at an ammunition depot near the airport.

They added that the airport had been closed ever since September 15 and that high level Soviet and Afghan military officials were touring the area to assess the situation emanating from the Mujahideen attack.

A convoy of Soviet fuel trucks, carrying aviation fuel, came under a severe Mujahideen attack near the strategic Panjsher valley. They added that the Mujahideen had succeeded in destroying more than twenty trucks and killing their drivers.

Meanwhile, AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS (AAP) reported today that 38 Soviet-government soldiers were killed and nine tanks destroyed in nearly eight major clashes in and around Kabul during first week of September.

The agency said 13 Afghan troops defected to the Mujahideen side during the same period.

Karachi Reports 'Major' Clashes Around Kabul
BK220234 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 22 Sep 83

[Text] In Afghanistan, at least eight major clashes occurred between Soviet-Karmal forces and the mujahidin in and around Kabul during the first week of this month. Reports say that 38 Soviet-Karmal soldiers were killed and a number of tanks and armored vehicles were damaged. Mujahidin also captured 13 Karmal soldiers.

The clashes occurred near the Soviet Army headquarters south of Kabul at (Tappa Taj Beg), (Qala Qazi), and (Pushta Banda Bala).

Head of Trade Delegation to USSR Cited on Talks

BK211223 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] The Soviet Union has expressed its readiness to import consumer goods from India worth 30 billion rupees annually. This was indicated by the first deputy prime minister of the Soviet Union, Mr Ivan Arkhipov, to a delegation of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry during its recent visit to Moscow.

The leader of the delegation, Mr Raunak Singh, told newsmen in New Delhi today that the Soviet Union has expressed its willingness to collaborate with the private sector in India and enter into long terms contracts for 15 to 20 years in ship building and ship repair.

He said that the delegation, which also visited the German Democratic Republic, Poland, and Hungary to identify areas for export of Indian goods and import from those countries, has set up four committees for followup action.

Army Official: 'No Insurgency' in Northeast

BK211154 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] The chief of the army staff, Gen K.S. Vaidya, has said that the northeastern region is progressing peacefully and there is no insurgency there. In an interview with SAMACHAR BHARATI [Hindi news agency], General Vaidya said a number of steps have been taken to rehabilitate the peace-loving people of the region. The occasional incidents in this region are engineered by a very small number of extremists who operate from across the border, he added.

Reportage on Prime Minister's Cyprus Visit

For reportage on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to Cyprus, including state dinner toasts on 20 September, see the Cyprus section of the 21 September Western Europe *Daily Report* and subsequent issues.

AFP: MRD Calls for General Strike, Election Boycott

BK221023 Hong Kong AFP in English 0959 GMT 22 Sep 83

[Text] Islamabad, Sept. 22 (AFP) — The Pakistani opposition has called for a general strike on September 28 and 29 to coincide with local elections in the troubled provinces of Sind and Punjab. The secretary general of the eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), Iqbal Haider, issuing the call in Karachi yesterday, also urged supporters to boycott the elections, from which the political parties have been banned since 1979.

The call, extending previous calls for a transport strike in Sind and Punjab on September 28 and 29, was part of an MRD campaign of civil disobedience, now in its 40th day, against the rule of General Mohammad Ziaul Haq. But observers here viewed the move, aimed at reviving a protest movement essentially confined to Sind, as risky. The strike weapon is not a traditional form of protest here, and is banned under Pakistan's six-year-old martial law.

Many grass-roots activists in the Mrd are also expected to take part on an individual basis in next week's elections.

Yesterday the MRD suffered a blow when the president of the right-wing Pir Pagaro faction of the Moslem League called on his 70,000 members to help the government quell protests in Sind.

Lahore lawyers meanwhile voted to hold a national conference of liberal professions and trade unions on October 6, to maximise awareness of their demands for a return to democracy.

Top government officials in Sind were meeting today in Nawabshah, in the centre of the province, to discuss the organisation of next week's elections. An informed source in Karachi said ballotting would be held in stages, starting with cities such as Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur where protests have been less fervent. Voting would probably be postponed in militant rural areas, the source said.

Authorities in Sind and Punjab recently announced a series of measures designed to neutralise demonstrations on the election days. Section 144 of the Pakistani penal code has been enforced in Karachi for the last three weeks, outlawing meetings of more than four people, while Punjab has banned the carrying of guns in public.

Sind Authorities Deny BBC Report on Troop Shift

BK211734 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] The provincial authorities in Sind have denied a BBC report which alleged that a large number of people had marched toward oil wells in Badin, 160 of them were arrested, and troops were called to guard the oil well. A press note issued by the commissioner, Hyderabad division, has described the BBC report as completely baseless, unfounded, and misleading.

JANG: Terrorists Attack Group of Oil Prospectors

GF211938 Lahore Jang in Urdu 15.Sep 83 p 1

[By correspondent]

[Text] Sadiqabad — A group of unidentified terrorists set fire to three vehicles of an oil prospecting team near Dandi. The party of oil prospectors was camped in the woods near Dandi when several terrorists arrived at the camp dressed as sportsmen hunting game and asked the prospectors for information on local game animals. The prospectors received them with hospitality. During the night, however, the terrorists, who had arrived by jeep, set fire to three vehicles belonging to the prospectors. One of the vehicles, fitted with costly equipment used in oil prospecting, was destroyed. The damage caused by the fire is estimated at 10 million rupees. A criminal report has been registered against the terrorists at Sabzal Kot police station in the area.

Briefs

Iraqi Broadcasting Agreement — Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation and Iraqi Broadcasting and Television Establishment have signed an agreement for cooperation in the field f broadcasting. The agreement envisages exchange of programs and experts between the two organizations. It also stipulates exchange and sharing of information on developments in the field of broadcasting. [Excerpt] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 13 Sep 83 BK]

World Bank, UK Aid — The World Bank and Britain will jointly provide funds for two Water and Power Development Authority projects. The British Government has agreed to give 20 million pounds of aid as a grant. Notes were exchanged in Islamabad on 14 September in this connection. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Sep 83 BK]

Nowruz Oil Well Capped; Khomeyni Praises Effort
GF211748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, along with the petroleum minister, a number of workers and experts from the Ministry of Petroleum — who through their unprecedented efforts have been able to cap the No 3 oil well at Nowruz — today called on Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic.

At the beginning of this meeting, the president said: These gentlemen, with the help of the Muslim and dutiful workers of the Petroleum Ministry, have been able to completely cap the oil wells [plural as heard] which had been hit by Iraq and which resulted in an oil spill that threatened the countries around the Persian Gulf.

The president added: From the very first day we decided that we would cap this well. In fact, some countries in the region were using the oil spill from this well as an excuse for ending the war or as an excuse for involving the superpowers in this purely industrial problem. In this matter, we were being told that only the United States could do this job. They were expecting Imam Khomeyni to personally ask the United States to help in this matter. Later, the Americans themselves offered to cap the oil well. However, the Ministry of Pteroleum, with the help of its faithful and determined workers, took up the work itself. After overcoming many difficulties, it was able to stop the oil spill threatening the region.

The president added: We do not want to brag, but we would like to make known that with effort and faith many difficult works can be accomplished, without any help from others. Our imam has said that we should be self-reliant and this has provided a little example of self-reliance.

In this meeting, the imam of the nation addressed the gathering:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I am very happy to find that I am meeting these (?brave) brothers here [words indistinct]. Actually, the real significance of this matter is great, far greater than its material benefits. Its real gain is, as you have rightly pointed out, that they were always scaring us in this matter. For instance, they said (?do not touch it) as it cannot be done. Nobody can do it except the Americans. Without [words indistinct] it cannot be done. Now our young men and workers and all those people who have been connected with it (?made possible what was being called impossible). And this should open our way for greater and bigger tasks. We should not be afraid of odds (?or say: I cannot do it. In case a man does not understand a problem, he can understand this much) — that it was not an easy task and this job was done after a great effort. As said before, they were creating the impression that this job could not be done without the Americans or their like. They wanted that [words indistinct].

(?In this matter it may be said) that these Islamic governments, especially those in the Gulf, should rise up and should not remain so dependent upon the big powers. Surely you can do such jobs. You have the American life artery in your hand and you can (?do much). The Islamic countries should not expect Iran to follow their example and be dependent on America. Such thinking is futile. Iran will not stretch a begging hand toward America [cheers] unless Iran is destroyed. They think that we (?in the matter) of oil or any other thing would submit to America. In fact (?we will not submit) until we are totally destroyed. They may have achieved transitory success — like, at times, they expect me to cooperate with them. But this is not the point. (?They might have expected this in case of Afghanistan)

(?One might not expect) that the Soviets are better than the Americans. The latter is more satanic than the former. [Words indistinct]. It is because America (?has more irons in the fire here and there). There (?in Afghanistan) the government had been closer to America. [as heard] Its party has been cooperating with America. Its army and in fact its every department has been cooperating with America .[as heard] However, these are strong guerrillas who have taken a stand and have been hitting them in their face and are still hitting. The whole nation is behind them.

Here, by the grace of God, all the nation is united. The workers, experts, peasants, government, [words indistinct] the army, the Revolution Guards, its mobilization machinery, in fact, all are united. They are all one part of a single organism. Today we see that all these difficulties that they have created for us, you gentlemen have been able to overcome them. Future difficulties, when they arise, will also be resolved. We should resolve our difficulties ourselves with honor and fortitude. Why should we stretch our hand to others? We should use our own brains so that the whole of Iran can benefit from them. All universities, all Iranians will do that. All universities, all workshops, should use their own ideas. God will open their paths.

At the start, one may think that such and such work cannot be done. When he arrives on the spot, (?it seems easier). This work which our men have done was a great task. It was not a small task. They accomplished this great work with perseverence and, finally, they finished this task. They can also tackle other such tasks in the same manner. We should not despair. We should only despair from all others, with the exception of God. We should pray to him and say: O God, help us and make us reliant on our national strength, on our Islamic strength so we can promote our national interests. The work will go on. Yes, some work may take longer to do than others. We should resolve to do this or that thing. We should resolve that we will not go to America or to the Soviet Union, or anywhere else.

One should feel sorry for the so-called Islamic states that exist around us. They are ready to accept their slavery. (?I do not understand this attitude). But I do understand this much: —If they depend on their Islamic strength, it will do them good. However, certain satanic doubts have been created in their minds (?so they feel helpless). They were telling us that we (?should not take on) America [words indistinct]. Finally, our country cut off the hands of both America and the Soviet Union and (?nothing happened). The point is that if a nation has resolved to do something, it can achieve it [words indistinct]. Our nation cannot be deviated from the path it has chosen for itself through force or any other device. [passage indistinct]

By the grace of God, we have a nation that is (?determined) from the very beginning. [Words indistinct] We trust in God and, God willing, we pray that the Almighty will defend our youths and our nation. And I might as well repeat here that the real gain of this matter is far greater than its material gain. It has more value for Islam and for all of you and you have succeeded. Peace be upon you. [end recording]

Minister Praises Oil Industry Achievements

GF201636 Tehran IRNA in English 1613 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 20, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran is producing and exporting its oil without the assistance of any foreign expertise due to efforts of committed Iranian experts.

Islamic Republic of Iran's oil minister, Mohammad Gharazi, who was addressing the professors and students of the technical college of Tehran University, further added that Iran by utilising its experts and workers in the oil industry extracted oil with an expense less than 10 percent each barrel of the amount paid by other countries for extracting oil. The amount charged the oil producing countries for extracting oil, he said, depended on geographical location and the site of the drilled oil wells which usually amounted to .50 to 2 dollars per barrel which was to be paid to foreign companies who undertook the job.

Gharazi, continuing his address, said that the Islamic nation of Iran should be given the tidings that the most sophisticated techniques used in the oil industry which were monopolised by the world devouring U.S. would by and by with the endeavours of the employees of the Oil Ministry also be mastered and acquired by the able deprived Iranian people.

Iraqi Muslims Stage Protest Outside French Embassy

LD211125 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Scores of Iraqi Muslims today staged a march in Tehran and condemned the policies of the French regime toward the imposed war and the decision of that government to deliver Super Etendard planes to Saddam.

According to IRNA, after assembling in front of the French Embassy, the marchers handed over a letter of protest. However, as the letter was not accepted, the marchers staging a sit-in outside the embassy announced that they will continue their sit-in until their letter is accepted. The marchers, who were carrying portraits of Ayatollah Sadr and Imam Khomeyni, chanted slogans such as "Death to France" and demanded that French military assistance to Saddam should be stopped. They expressed their revulsion concerning the decision of the French Government to deliver Super Etendard planes to the Saddam regime.

The French Embassy is under the complete protection of the security force of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,467

LD211826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Communique No 1,467 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. On the eve of the fourth anniversary of the imposed war, every day of which was a disgrace to the criminal Saddamist and every moment an honor for the proud self-sacrificing combatants of Islam, with the hope of final victory for the victorious warriors of Islam and speedy annihilation of the aggressive enemy, the battlefront situation of the imposed war hereby is brought to the attention of the Muslim and honorable nation of Iran.

Yesterday, sporadic fire exchange on most of the operational fronts of Piranshahr and Hajj 'Umran and the border regions of Sar Dasht, Baneh, and Marivan continued between the victorious combatants of Islam and the mercenary Saddamist forces. The powerful forces of Islam, while guarding their own defensive positions, opened intense artillery fire on several enemy bases and inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi forces. The powerful forces of Islam also, by destroying part of the defensive positions of the enemy, strongly prevented the Saddamist mercenaries from carrying out troop movements or engineering and mine planting operations.

The powerful combatants of Islam, on the border fronts of Bakhtaran, returned the fire of the Iraqi forces, silencing enemy fire. The combatants of Islam, by monitoring movements of the Saddamist mercenaries, dispersed an enemy patrol group trying to penetrate our forces positions and killed more than 18 and wounded around 14 Iraqi troops. The enemy losses on these fronts included destruction of one ammunition depot, one truck, one mortar launcher, and several observation posts and emplacements for various weapons. The fire exchange was more intense on the Meymak and Sumar fronts.

Our victorious warriors, on the southern fronts of the country, while halting the movements of the enemy's infantry units, which were trying to move troops and change positions in the Hoseyniyeh and Kushk regions, opened artillery and other heavy weapons fire on enemy positions and inflicted losses and casualties on the Saddamist mercenaries.

In the course of fire exchanges on the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts, the brave warriors of the Gendarmerie fired on enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud and silenced the fire of the Saddamist forces; about 20 enemy troops were either killed or wounded and four bunkers for heavy and light weapons of the Iraqi aggressive Ba'thist forces were destroyed. As on previous days, the city of Abadan yesterday received long-range artillery fire from the criminal Saddamist mercenaries which resulted in some damage. Yesterday, the defenders of the sky of our Islamic homeland beat off and neutralized all enemy attempts to violate the airpsace of our country.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Naval Unit Commander Discusses Persian Gulf Security

GF211920 Tehran Keyhan in Persian 8 Sep 83 p 3

[Text] The American motive in holding these political-military games under the title of Bright Star maneuvers is, in fact, to boost the morale of the reactionary rulers and to announce its own presence in the Persian Gulf region. Captain Qaharman Malekzadeh, tactics commander of the naval force and commander of the Persian Gulf and Sea of Oman naval unit, in a talk with the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC NEWS AGENCY correspondent said: Islamic combatants, with complete faith in the divine might and power, are not scared of such satanic maneuvers.

With reference to the might and battle readiness of the Navy vis-a-vis the defense of the Persian Gulf waters and Strait of Hormuz, he said: The occurrence of a war in this region from whatever power it may be would be taken as a war on the lines of the naval war with Iraq.

With reference to the so-called conferences of the rulers of the sheykhdoms on Persian Gulf security, Capt Malekzadeh said: Half of the Persian Gulf border belongs to us and this very point gives us the right to intervene in the fate of the Persian Gulf. Such conferences without the participation of the real authority, that is Iran, holds no credibility.

Bushehr Guards Commander Cites 'Islamic Maneuver'

GF171618 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Interview with Bushehr Islamic Revolution Guards Corps commander by Voice and Vision correspondent on 15 September in Bushehr — recorded]

[Summary from poor reception] On the morning of 15 September,a 1-day seminar opened in Bushehr, in which commanders of military bases and guards posts and mobilization officials of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps from throughout the province attended.

In reply to a question by the correspondent, the guards commander said that this seminar was, in fact, held in compliance with the orders of the imam of the nation and the discussion centered on three points, that is, enlistment work, training of new recruits, and recruitment throughout the province which means fulfilling the enlistment goal. Suggestions put forth during the seminar will be passed on to officials concerned, Friday imams, and officials of the Ministry of Interior who are responsible for these activities, he said.

The guards commander said the aim is to reach the target set by Mr Khamene'i, president and head of the Supreme Defense Council. Mr Khamene'i wants a strong and powerful mobilization force and a strong border force. Therefore, it is necessary to work to achieve this end. The cooperation of all concerned is required to set up a 20-million-strong army under the command of the imam of the nation.

He continued by saying that, God willing, we will be able to achieve the aims of Mr Khamene'i and the imam of the nation and then we will show the superpowers that the upcoming maneuver we will be holding is an Islamic maneuver, a maneuver held under the Islamic Republic system.

He concluded by saying that power today belongs to Islam and to the Islamic Republic. The recent maneuver held by 5 nations only involved (50,000) men, but the maneuver that we will hold will involve at least 1 million men. This maneuver will involve the nation and all the Islamic combatants. God willing, may the light of their Bright Star maneuver be dimmed and the brilliant sun of the Islamic Republic shine over the entire world.

Military Unit Heads Recount Achievements

Acting Fighter Base Commander

LD191136 Tehran IRNA in English 1031 GMT 19 Sep 83

[Text] Hamadan, Sept. 19 IRNA — Acting commander of the 3rd Fighter Base in his recent interview gave a brief account of the achievements of his base during the fighting in the war imposed by Iraq on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The acting commander said during the operations starting from Nov. to Dec. 1980 heavy blows were inflicted upon the enemy forces. In those operations, he said, 90 percent of the Ba'thist naval forces were destroyed and a number of enemy Air Force fighters were downed by the Islamic combatants.

He said the most important operation, launched from the base, was a flight over Baghdad which made it clear for the entire world that Baghdad was not a safe place for an international conference. Because of this reason, he said, the venue of the non-aligned summit [words indistinct] from Baghdad to New Delhi, India.

The acting commander denounced the Ba'thist forces for their attack of the civil areas in Iran and said such brutal attacks proved the incapability of the Iraqi forces. He said if the Ba'thist forces are capable they should dare to attack military targets of the Islamic forces.

He, however, said that the Islamic force of Iran never attacked the residential areas of Iraq.

Referring to the various types of support of Eastern and Western superpowers, he said the mercenary regime in Baghdad will never succeed in its mission just because of the lack of faith.

He said that the Islamic forces under the leadership of Imam Khomeyni and after following the Koranic orders will finally achieve their objectives.

Air Support Commander

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 20, IRNA — Colonel Jalali, commander of havaniruz (air support for the ground forces), said that in the course of the Iraqi imposed war his force have downed six modern helicopters of the Iraqi forces using helicopters. The colonel who

was interviewed on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Iraqi imposed war said that in daring and brave operation some 70 of the Iraqi aggressors were captured by the air defence personnel.

As for the activities of havaniruz, he said that his division in addition to providing combat and logistical services in warfronts, has also been involved in other tasks such as delivering equipment to those areas which because of their locations were not easy to reach.

Furthermore, at time of natural disasters such as earthquake and flood, havaniruz has undertook relief operation for victims, such as evacuation of the injured.

He further added that ever since the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, havaniruz personnel have put their services at the disposal of the people and have crushed counter-revolutionaries and at the same time it has played an effective role in the Iraqi imposed war.

Referring to courage exhibited by the havaniruz pilots in the course of the Iraqi imposed war, and claims of the U.S. that the pilots would not be able to make use of the helicopters, he said that contrary to such baseless claims hundreds of Iraqi tanks were destroyed by the havaniruz pilots. The personnel of havaniruz owed their achievements in the war to their strong faith in God, which despite all shortcomings they dealt severe blows on the enemy forces, he stressed.

Giving statistics for enemy munitions and positions destroyed by the havaniruz pilots, he said that in the first year of the war they destroyed 811 tanks and armoured vehicles, 180 pieces of artillery, anti-aircraft and Katyusha, 517 vehicles, 5 enemy command posts, 17 artillery positions, 68 bulldozers, loaders and graders, 310 munitions depots, 21 trailers, 151 individual and group bunkers, 53 vehicles carrying arms, 27 buildings, 13 mortar launchers, and 32 fuel vehicles.

One outstanding performance of the havniruz pilots in the war, he said, was the downing of 6 enemy helicopters, an unprecedented achievement in the world. Furthermore, the havaniruz personnel have killed or wounded some 2,000 Iraqi forces and captured another 70.

At the end Colonel Jalali said that in the latest two offensives, Val Fajr-2 and -3, the personnel of his division made big gains.

IRNA Reports on Iraqi Mujahidin Operations

GF171714 Tehran IRNA in English 1627 GMT 17 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 17, IRNA — One Iraqi officer and four soldiers were killed and a number of them injured when the Iraqi mujahidin launched a deadly operation recently in the region of Khormal in the Liwa' Kirkuk Province of Iraq.

Also according to the news bulletin of the Tablighat unit of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (Sairi), a handgrenade thrown by the Iraqi militants killed two Ba'thist agents and injured three others during a polling of the Iraqi National Assembly in the region of Tandi of Kordestan in Iraq.

It should be mentioned that the Iraqi mujahidin last week also killed several Ba'thist agents in the city of Nahr an-Nasiryah of Iraq.

Energy Minister Leads Delegation to CSSR

LD171032 Tehran IRNA in English 0928 GMT 17 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept 17 IRNA — Minister of Energy Hasan Ghafuri-Fard, leading an economic and technical delegation from Ministries of Industries, Mines and Metals, Heavy Industries and Agriculture and Rural Development Saturday [17 September] left Tehran for Czechoslovakia.

Prior to his departure, energy minister said at the Mehrabad Airport that the objective of the visit which has taken place at the invitation of foreign trade minister of Czechoslovakia was for further expansion of technical cooperation and inspecting water steam and atomic power stations and water dams in that country.

The delegation will also visit industrial exhibition in Brno.

President Addresses Islamic Leaders 18 September

LD181037 Tehran IRNA in English 0925 GMT 18 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept 18, IRNA — President Seyyed 'Ali Khamane'i said that today cultural, political, economic, and military domination of the two superpowers have enchained the Muslim and oppressed nations of the world more than before.

In a message to the heads of Islamic countries on the occasion of the 'Id of idol-breaker Ibrahim, 'Id al-Adha, the president prayed to God for the continuation of the struggle until the full annihilation of satanic powers, the manifest idols of the world today.

"The brutal aggression of America and Israel, with the support of global atheism and international Zionism, (?upon the) deprived nation of Lebanon [words indistinct] move toward fully usurping the rights of the Muslim and homeless Palestinian nation, expansion of Zionist domination and completion of shameful chains of Camp David accord, have no meaning, but pharaoic reliance of these arrogant forces on power and forcing the oppressed nations to worship and obey them," the message said.

It continued "how can the aggression of the Soviet forces against Islamic Afghanistan and daily massacre of combatant Muslims be defined by saying that the arrogants are insisting in injecting this belief upon the deprived that any nation which does not yield to the domination and any individual or group which does not bow down before the [words indistinct] the time has no fate but death and annihilation."

The Islamic Republic of Iran, the message read, upon its Islamic and revolutionary experience to combat these [word indistinct], finds no weapon but the divine nature of the oppressed people, and their consequent love for each other, in order to attain a

durable and permanent unity. "Therefore Mecca, the city of Allah and revelation and sanctuary is a unique centre for this transformation."

Pilgrims of the sacred house of Allah rebel against their inner satan and salvage from all dependencies, rise to worship the creator of the worlds and crusher of the oppressors and supporter of the [words indistinct], purified from blasphemy, raise an outcry from the pure nature of the self, and against all (?tyranies) exerted upon humanity, the message added.

"These outcries must like a stormy flood start from this sacred place, and move to the whole world to bring down the world arrogants. Ka'bah and (?the) sacred house are the foundation of this stormy flood, and Allah has designated no other place for blossoming of the natures, nearing the hearts and unity of ranks of Muslim from each corner of the world, against their obstacles."

Addressing the heads of Islamic states, President Khamene'i noted that they were religiously bound to provide means for actualisation of legitimate ideals of their people and consolidate their unity against the factors of oppression and poverty in economic and cultural fields in the world of Islam.

"This is possible" the message noted, "only through belief in necessity of full sovereignty of Islam over the political life of Muslim nations, revival of genuine Islamic culture, freedom of action of the nations against global arrogants and utilisation of their human, material and spiritual resources against atheism and blasphemy of the world."

"We should seek help from Allah to enable us to be helpers of Muslims in their sacred efforts for establishment of just government in the world, and also use great oil and non-oil resources of the Islamic countries, which all the oppressors are in need, for backing the divine outcry of the nations."

President Khamene'i hoped that with the unity of the Muslims and Islamic countries, as stipulated in the message of the leader of the Islamic revolution Imam Khomeyni addressing the world Muslims on the occasion of Hajj ceremonies, the governments of the Islamic countries, with the support of their nations will be able to enjoy a defence army comprising over one hundred million trained people as reserve and an army of tens of millions on alert and utilize them like Ibrahim to topple the idols governing the world today.

Definitely, the message emphasized, a power which emanated from the hearts of nations will be the greatest power in the world.

Saudi Treatment of Hajj Pilgrims Criticized

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Those who claim to be protecting Muslims and Muslim countries and brag about being the guardians of the Mecca and Al-Medina mosques are now posing a greater threat to Islam and Muslims than the soldiers and forces of imperialism. Imperialism and Zionism openly and frankly proclaim their hostility to Islam and hatred toward Muslims and blatantly seek to destroy the movement of awareness among the masses. However, the "protectors" of Islam, reactionaries,and puppets in the Muslim world hide behind various masks to deceive the Muslim people and masses, and then they befriend the sides that are most hostile to Muslims, harm the reputation of Islam, and instigate people to deviate from the right course of Islam, the Koran's teachings, and Islam's just message.

Among the practices witnessed by the Muslim world recently was the attack by the police and special pilgrimage emergency force on the pilgrims, wounding and imprisoning them and besieging the premises of the mission of the leader imam, the great Khomeyni, harming and harassing Iranian visitors and pilgrims, and inciting sectarian differences by officials of the Al-Hijaz with the aim of separating Iranian officials from their brothers, the other pilgrims.

Such inhumane behavior by the Al-Hijaz authorities to prevent the spread of true Islam among pilgrims at this annual Islamic congress which is held in the precinct of the house of God will only rebound against those who inflame their fire and strive to extinguish the light of God by the use of policemen who attack pilgrims with truncheons and hot water and resort to other actions which demonstrate the vileness of their perpetrators and their psychological and intellectual defeat by the many pilgrims who revolt against evil and tyranny and who call for the death of the United States, Russia, Israel, and all infidel and reactionary regimes.

Would it not have been better for these regimes that harass Muslim pilgrims and brutally attack them with truncheons to stand up to the United States, France, and Israel whose invading forces have turned Lebanon into an unbearable hell? Would it not have been better for the special emergency forces and police who have been besieging the premises of the mission of the hope of the deprived and oppressed, the great Imam Khomeyni, in Mecca to besiege the Zionist and invading U.S. forces in Beirut and prevent them from attacking Lebanese Muslims and violating the dignity of the Lebanese people?

Has not Al-Hijaz become a military base of sophisticated weapons and trained forces of the West and the United States? Why then is Lebanon being destroyed and its people are being slaughtered while the rulers of Al-Hijaz do nothing and merely watch the bloody events that are taking place in Lebanon and the occupied territories? Are the sophisticated weapons, experts, and armored vehicles merely to suppress and harass pilgrims, beating up, and wounding and killing, and besieging the faithful and the visitors to the holy places? Where are the slogans of protecting the Mecca and Al-Medina mosques? Where are the claims they brag about of defending Arabs and Muslims? Where do Saudi mediations and summit plots stand in the face of the massacres in Lebanon and the woes of the occupied territories and the fate of the Muslim and deprived peoples of these lands? Why do the leaders of Muslims in the Al-Hijaz, who claim to be foremost among those who oppose Israel in the Muslim world, fear the slogan of "Death to Israel?" These are merely tricks and plots

aimed at deceiving the people and misleading the masses which are no longer fooled by this duplicity.

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Activities

Lowgar Valley Operations

GF181907 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 18 Sep 83

[Text] In a series of operations between 23 August and 6 September in Lowgar Valley, south of Kabul, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries destroyed 13 tanks, 23 trucks, and 6 oil storage tankers of the Soviet Afghan forces. They also killed 85 of these forces.

In reprisal for this defeat, the Soviet occupation forces bombed residential areas in the valley and martyred 100 Muslim civilians.

Farah Province Attack

GF211154 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] In an attack on Soviet and Kabul regime's forces in Farah Province, revolutionary Afghan Muslims destroyed a Soviet tank and killed 6 Soviet troops. Two of the members of the Kabul regime's forces defected during the incident to the armed Afghan Muslims,bringing along their arms.

Changes in Afghanistan Government Predicted

GF201438 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 15 Sep 83

[From "Glance at Developments in Iran and in World" program]

[Text] Dear listeners, the great struggle being waged by revolutionary Afghan Muslims has been crowned with success during the past week. The most violent of the clashes which have taken place were those in the (Darol-Aman) and (Meshkir) regions and the fighting in the vicinity of Kakh Chehel Sotun, which is close to Kabul. During these clashes, revolutionary Afghan Muslims attacked a military convoy of the occupationist Soviet forces, killed a number of Soviet troops and officers, and took number of prisoners.

One of the most important offensives mounted by the Muslims was the attack on three towns in eastern Afghanistan. All roads leading to these towns are now controlled by the Muslims. Under the circumstances, every kind of overland reinforcement supplies to the towns in question, including transportation of goods and ammunition, is being easily obstructed by the Muslims. These achievements, which are worthy of praise, have inflicted losses on the enemy — losses which are hard to redeem.

According to a group of revolutionary Muslims residing in Kabul, one of the figureheads of the Parcham faction recently was killed by Muslim fighters. The latest operations have created significant rifts within the ranks of the puppet Kabul regime's Armed Forces in addition to an unwillingness in the ranks of occupationist troops and the government forces to continue fighting against the Muslims. They have also increased the instability of the government, compared to what it was in the past. Under the circumstances, there is a strengthening possibility that Minister of Defense Abdol Qader may be removed from his post.

Reports also say that the armed operations carried out by revolutionary Muslims have led to the need to effect important changes in the ranks of the cadres responsible for the foreign policy of the Afghan regime. These changes may force the Soviet Union to terminate the work of the rotten Babrak Karmal regime and replace it with yet another agent regime on the Islamic land of Afghanistan so as to achieve its objective at a faster pace.

As we have witnessed during the Geneva talks, the imperialist friend of the Soviet Union, that is to say, the United States, has been involved in developments for a long time. In fact, it has held talks with a number of local elements during the Geneva talks. In other words, the United States is also playing an active role in conspiracies hatched against Afghanistan. Obviously, after witnessing the Muslim Afghan people's struggle, heroic resistance and sacrifices, which the infidels have been unable to comprehend, the Western and Eastern forces should have understood that it is impossible for them to stand against the Afghan people with their current mentality. That is why they have been trying to find new alternatives for the question of Afghanistan. That is why they wish to either break or pacify the legitimate struggle of the Muslim Afghans through various ways and means. The objective behind this is to force the Muslims to accept a regime which would be the puppet of the superpowers.

However, regardless of the conspiracies being hatched by the super infidels, the struggle of the revolutionary Afghan Muslims on the path of God and their heroic resistance against every king of attack and oppression continue at full force. In fact, they are placing obstacles in the way of these conspiracies. God willing, except for God's order, that is to say, an Islamic regime, the revolutionary Afghan Muslims, who have turned their back on Eastern and Western forces, will not allow any authority to establish itself on the land of Afghanistan.

Ayatollah Rowhani Urges Khomeyni To Change Course

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[Message by Ayatollah Seyyed Mehdi Rowhani, leader of Shi'ites in Europe — date, place not given; recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Those who rid themselves of the binds of mythical gods and turn to justice and rightousness achieve eternal happiness. [Koranic verses]

Ayatollah Khomeyni has handed over a sealed envelope to the Council of Experts. It apparently contained the will of Ayatollah Khomeyni and deals with the affairs of the Islamic Republic after his death, especially with the issue of a successor. A will in the holy Islamic shari'a is a necessary and important issue. Ayatollah Khomeyni has done a good thing in writing his will. It shows that

he also pays attention to the hereafter, knows that this world is not forever and that everyone comes and leaves and no one leaves anything but a story behind.

However, there is one point to be raised here. If Ayatollah Khomeyni intends to dictate his wishes and techniques to the people and government after his death and continue his rule from the other world, then unfortunately, one cannot consider his will wise. We hope that the Lord will grant Ayatollah Khomeyni a sufficiently long life so that maybe he can pay attention to the grave mistakes he has made in selecting the form of the government and in administration of the country during his own life and correct his mistakes before departing this world, rather than being so certain about wanting to continue his mistakes after death.

Ayatollah Khomeyni's mistake was his inability to understand the demands of the time. To date, he has ruled in a manner which is indigestible for the times. This is the same mistake committed by the late Sheykh Fazlollah Nuri, may God bless his soul, during the constitutional revolution. He turned the revolution in a direction which led to the reestablishment of oppression and several years of deaths and murders, insecurity, and chaos. He had thought that the aim of the revolution was a transfer of absolute power from monarchy to the clergy.

We occasionally hear the officials and propagandists of the Islamic Republic state that the defeat of the school of conditional rule in the constitutional movement was the defeat of the clergy and thus the movement lost its Islamic color and blend from that time. This is completely contrary to all facts and a total misrepresentation of history. Since its start, the clergy was the pole bearer of the movement. The formation of rule of law was the victory of the clergy. The constitution was written under the supervision of the clergy and the major role in drafting civil and judicial laws was played by Islamic jurisprudence.

The late Sheykh Fazlollah was defeated and left alone because the clerical society did not support his views. It did not wish to limit itself to the framework of old techniques, it had no objection to new ideas. The clergy realized the need for new administrative organizations, changes in the society, and a cultural move forward. It was aware that the world had entered a new era and should nations not adopt the new conditions, the civilization would leave them behind.

Those who deny such certain historical facts are giving ammunition to those who, using the current conditions, again champion the necessity of separating religion and political. They are trying to show that the clergy is a reactionary class which cannot live with democracy and rule of law. Unfortunately, the present regime, in both words and deeds, aids such conditions. This is a result of the mistake made by Ayatollah Khomeyni in choosing the system he chose after the victory of revolution to govern the country. Caliphate, clerical rule, monarchy, or any type of the government that embodies the law in the person of an individual making him the axis of all affairs and the maker of all decisions is basically a veil covering dictatorship. The Iranian nation revolted to control its own destiny. The aim of the revolution of the Iranian people was to rid themselves of the binds of servitude to such mythical gods.

In a Friday sermon on 3 June, Mr Rafsanjani said: Western media are saying in their propaganda that there are those who have influence on the imam. This is completely false. We have no such things in his life. While there may be many who are influential in the decisionmaking life of world leaders, there is no such person at the imam's residence nor will there be hope for anyone to do this. His residence houses the most powerful Islamic leader of the world.

What does such worship mean? It means that we are nobody. There is only one person who makes decisions in the Islamic Republic and that is Ayatollah Khomeyni. If this horrible war is not ending, it has nothing to do with us. It is because of Ayatollah Khomeyni who has decided to continue the war until there are more dead people, more destroyed cities, more refugee families, even further political isolation and the destruction of the national economy.

I hope that while Ayatollah Khomeyni is still alive he will come to his senses, stop repeating the mistakes of two of his predecessors, and rid himself of all the opportunists, profit-worshippers, those in love with position and high places, and professional applauders. This is the best will for the people and the government and the most valuable saving grace for the next world for him.

NVOI Urges Struggle Against Hojjatiyeh Society

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[Unattributed commentary: "Implementers of Hojjatis' Policy Cannot Struggle Against Them"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: Amid conditions in which the Islamic Government has brought the insidious assault against the true and patriotic revolutionalry forces, including the Iranian Tudeh Party, to a peak, some of the responsible authorities, who used to utter remarks against the CIA- afflicted hojjatis, have again started thinking about this counterrevolutionary organization and have engaged in criticism now that they sense a danger to their positions.

The reason for this should, above all, be sought in the fact that our homeland's people are very dissatisfied with the Islamic Government's capitulation to the Hojjatiyeh Society, which is a prelude to trampling on the gains of the revolution, and want decisive and revolutionary measures to be taken against the counterrevolutionary plots of the U.S.- afflicted hojjatis. Without doubt, because of this dissatisfaction and protest, some of the high-ranking authorities and even a number of figures affiliated with the Hojjatiyeh Society as well, in order to calm the people, were forced to attack this socoeity as a force that is moving against the current of the people's movement. A sham quarrel is in process between the Hojjatiyeh Society and the capitulationists in the Islamic Government.

Amid all this, what has drawn the attention of our dear compatriots is that allegedly due to taking umbrage from the criticism leveled at it, this organization has allegedly announced the

suspension of its activity throughout the country. In other words, it currently perfers clandestine activity rather than overt activity. Officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who are totally aware of the minute details of the formation and activity of this British and American band, who know that all the strings of this organization are pulled by the CIA and the Intelligence Service, and who know that its activity against the Iranian nation's revolution and gains is uncovered, have not and cannot take any measure toward terminating the life of this society.

It is clear to everyone that the Hojjatiyeh Society has a primary role in subversive activities against the revolution and revolutionary forces and is operating against the revolution in an organized manner. The subversive and counterrevolutionary activity of the Hojjatiyeh Society is so obvious that even official authorities, who in many instances implement the hojjatis' plans and policies, have also embarked on criticism.

It is abundantly clear that the government's entire policy, both in the arena of domestic and foreign policy, bears the mark of the Hojjatiyeh Society. It is no accident that some of the authorities, who today pretend to struggle against the Hojjatiyeh Society, view this struggle only as inviting the hojjatis to repent and to compromise with the capitulationists. Our homeland's people demand a decisive and relentless struggle against this counterrevolutionary band dependent on America and Britain. This struggle must be large-scale, decisive, and irreconcilable. The prerequisite for this, above all, should be an end to a policy of terror, repression, and inquisition with respect to the genuine revolutionary forces, an end to a policy of maintaining the interests of plunderers, and an end to anticommunism.

Indications attest to the fact that implementation of such a policy by an Islamic Government that is totally in the grasp of rightists, supporters of wealth-amassers, and their Western masters, is not possible.